

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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December 20, 2002

Mr. Guy Hicks, General Counsel
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
333 Commerce Street #2104
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Dear Mr. Hicks:

In light of recent filings and payments pertaining to performance measures and self-effectuating enforcement mechanisms (SEEMs), the TRA Staff requests the following information, which is to be filed in docket 01-00193.

- 1.) BellSouth recently modified its interconnection website altering the location of the Monthly State Summary (MSS) report. To assist the Authority with our review of BellSouth's performance over the last six months as well as develop a process similar to that of other state commissions, please provide:
 - a.) An electronic version, in Excel format, of the Monthly State Summary (MSS) of SQM results for September, October, and November.
 - b.) An electronic version, in Excel format, of the Florida SQMs, with Tennessee specific information, beginning in December and continuing monthly.
 - c.) A detailed explanation of any month over month changes to the MSS report filed in Excel format.
 - d.) On a going forward basis, beginning with December 2002 data, an electronic version of the MSS report and Chart for the Tennessee Permanent Performance Plan, similar to the FLPM found at <http://pmap.bellsouth.com/content/MSSrpt.aspx>.
- 2.) In the response to the data request, dated November 8, 2002, BellSouth stated that all SEEMs payments are made on the fifteenth of the second month following the reporting month and that Tier II payments are due only after three months of certain failures in accordance with the terms of the SEEMs plan. Furthermore, per the data request, dated October 22, 2002, a monthly statement was to be provided to the Authority detailing any and all Tier I and Tier II SEEM payments.

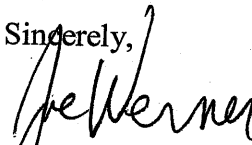
On 11/13/02 the Authority received check number 2-06859872/9 for \$15,000. The check was made payable to the Authority and signed by BellSouth, no explanation accompanied the check. Then on December 16, 2002, the Authority received an email from Ann Tabor regarding Tier II payments. The email stated that a Tier II payment for October, 2002 activity in the amount of \$95,845.00 was issued on December 13, 2002.

a.) For both payments made to this Authority provide an explanation detailing the cause for the payment. Include whether the payments are Tier I or Tier II payments or in any other way associated with the Tennessee Performance Plan and if so detail each measure which was missed with the corresponding amount paid. If the payments are not in conjunction with the Tennessee Performance Plan explain the payment and include any calculations utilized to derive the payment.

b.) For all Tier I and Tier II payments made by BellSouth since the inception of the Tennessee Interim Performance Plan and continuing monthly to include the Tennessee Permanent Performance Plan, provide a detailed explanation of those payments including the name of each CLEC, if applicable, in receipt of payment, the amount paid and the corresponding metric that failed to meet the benchmark or parity measure.

Please submit your responses to the Authority by Monday January 6, 2003 for all items. If you have any questions concerning this matter, contact Colleen Edwards at 741-2904 ext.176.

Sincerely,



Joe Werner

Chief Telecommunications Division

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